

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 642

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to designate February 11, 2008, as "Fire Fighters' Memorial Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective well-being, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, many Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of service to others as fire fighters, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those facing emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the communities of the State of Tennessee are fortunate to enjoy the protection of 23,553 fire fighters, of which 7,074 are full-time and 16,479 are volunteers; and

WHEREAS, these individuals daily face the rigors of corporal imperilment in order to protect those whom they so selflessly serve. Seventy-six brave and dedicated fire fighters have given their lives in the line of duty since 1954; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this General Assembly should pause to recognize those fire fighters who have dedicated their lives to the service of their communities, to remember those fire fighters who have sacrificed their lives for this noble cause, and to memorialize these exceptional public servants and human beings for their worthy service and the accomplishment of their high purposes; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate February 11, 2008, as "Fire Fighters' Memorial Day" in Tennessee and that we encourage all citizens to take this opportunity to honor those courageous fire fighters who risk their lives to safeguard their neighbors and to remember those who gave their lives to protect the communities in which they worked and lived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared with this final clause omitted from such copy.